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Navarro Watershed Restoration Program



Projects, Partnerships & People

Local History



- The Coastal Pomo people gathered food and summered near the mouth of the Navarro River, annually, for thousands of years. Approximately 150 years ago, an emerging timber industry and shipbuilding enterprise occupied the site.

Water Quality and Fisheries Habitat



- In the 1990s, local citizens alerted public agencies to the issues of declining water-quality and fisheries habitat. To address these concerns, the State Coastal Conservancy, and partners, developed the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan.

Navarro Watershed Working Group



- In 2001, a fulltime watershed program was launched by Mendocino County RCD and State Coastal Conservancy...
- The RCD initiated a series of informational meetings and workshops.
- In January 2002, the Navarro Watershed Working Group formed and began to work on their purpose and infrastructure.

Workshops and Community Outreach



- Annual workshops on native plants are conducted at the Anderson Valley High School's stream restoration site.
- Karen Gaffney, plant ecologist, has presented invasive plant workshops.
- Ken Montgomery, a local horticulturalist, has taught riparian zone and native plant propagation classes.

Community Involvement



- In Spring of 2003, community members and students collected more than a ton of household garbage from Robinson Creek, the stream backyard for most of downtown Boonville.

Mendocino Natives Nursery



- The Mendocino County RCD has helped develop a student/community project at Anderson Valley High School, supported by the State Coastal Conservancy

Student/Community Partnership



- The Nursery facility, the site of many community activities including workshops, is also supported by the Anderson Valley Educational Foundation

Road Workshops



- Road restoration projects supported by MCRCD, SCC and CDF&G, in Mill Creek, provide a forum for local road restoration workshops for heavy equipment operators and landowners.

The Navarro is an Outdoor Classroom



- Participants from the Navarro and other watersheds have attended workshops and site visits to restoration projects on Hungry Hollow, Nash-Mill, and Holmes Ranch subdivision roads.

Community Projects



- State Coastal Conservancy dollars have been matched, almost four to one, by other funding sources

Community Workforce



- Arundo control, and native re-planting training with local crew members

Monitoring



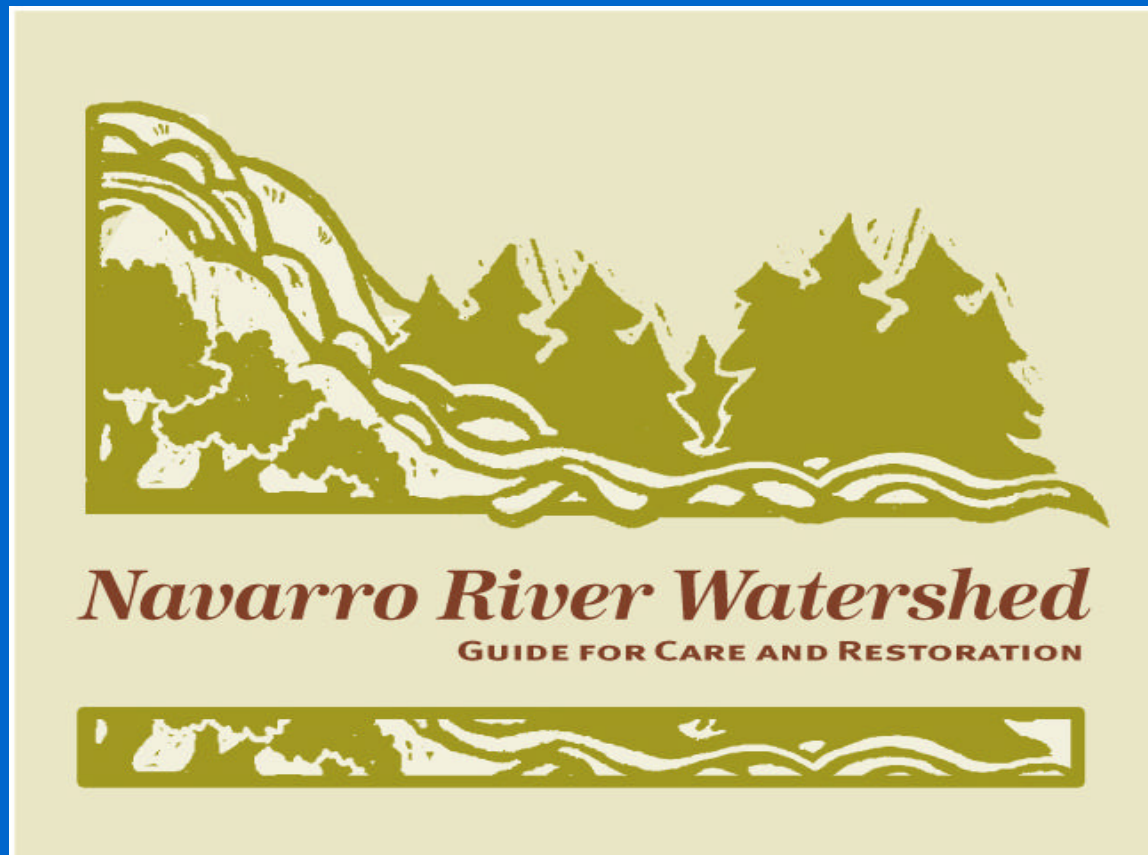
- In partnership with SCC, CDF&G, and the Mendocino County Water Agency, we are monitoring the effects of watershed restoration projects in the Mill Creek sub-basin

Permit Coordination



- Partners in Restoration, the Navarro Permit Coordination Program, was launched in Summer 2003.

Navarro Workbook



- Creating a user-friendly version of the Navarro Watershed Restoration Plan

People Make it Happen



- It's the local people who are making watershed restoration a community effort.

Using Local Knowledge



- Ken Montgomery tells us what to plant in the riparian, and how to harvest native plants for propagation

Restoration Coordination



- Patty Madigan, Navarro coordinator since February 2001, believes that building community relationships is key to developing a stewardship ethic in the Navarro Watershed

It's all about relationships....



“The most needed tools in restoration are those tools that help us with our interpersonal skills...*tools that help us reach out to other people, learn what it is they need, allow us to make our case for ecological restoration to them, and then come to agreement on how to proceed. This is our biggest roadblock, not technological innovation.*” -- Dave Egan, Editor of *Ecological Restoration*

From the Redwood Forest



- There is still work to do—from controlling upslope erosion and replanting upland riparian areas...

To the cold stream waters



- ...to restoring fish and wildlife habitat along stream channels, increasing riparian buffers and improving land-use practices.

Field of Dreams



- Active stewardship with landowners, community volunteers and conservation partners is what the Navarro Watershed Restoration Program is all about